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Topical Collecting Featured

Pleasant Program For A.T.A. Meet

Those stamp collectors who will find it possible to go to Dayton, Ohio June 18, 19 and 20 for the Third Annual International Convention of the American Topical Association will find a lot of interesting entertainment, philatelic and non-philatelic. Headquarters for the convention sessions, the show and other activities will be the Miami Hotel in the heart of Dayton's business district.

Known as the Gem City of the Miami Valley and further as the home of the Wright Brothers, and the Home of Aviation, visitors to the community will have ample opportunities to see for themselves the merits of this sparkling mid-west city.

The host club, the Dayton Philatelic Society, has arranged an outstanding convention program. Included are trips to a number of the local industries, to the Wright Memorial, Wright Field the world's largest aviation installation containing the gigantic flight laboratories of the U.S. Air Force, Carillon Park and other points of interest. For those interested in shopping, the city has a number of beautiful stores.

Highlights of the three-day conclave are the 200-frame exhibition in the hotel's air-conditioned Empire Room, a bourse of twenty dealers, and the annual banquet Saturday evening. Mrs. Alma Craemer is to be toastmaster of the latter with Judge Robert McBride of Dayton as the principal speaker.

Cooperation on the part of the Post Office Department will take the form of a post office at the show where all the available commemoratives now stocked by the Philatelic Agency in Washington will be available. Also the granting of a special cancellation for souvenir covers.

Comprehensive List Of Stamp Literature

A rather comprehensive price list of philatelic literature has been prepared by Fritz Billig, 168-39 Highland Ave., Jamaica 32, N. Y.

Listings are started with back issues of philatelic journals in different languages and end with Asia and Africa. In between are noted the outstanding studies, catalogs and books on the specialties, or general issues of most nations.

Offerings are heavy for the popular categories such as France and Colonies, Germany and Colonies and the British Empire. However there is some thing for everyone apparently regardless of the trend of the collecting and it would be well for the collector seeking written information to write for the Billig List.

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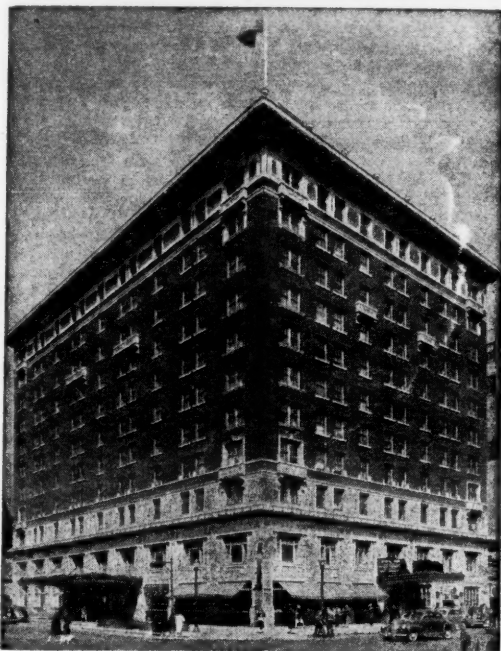
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SCENE OF THE ATA CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION. This is the Miami Hotel in Dayton, Ohio where the Third International Convention of the American Topical Association will be held from June 18 to 20. The affair is not confined to ATA members. The exhibition and other features are all open to the general public.

Opportunities Abundant To Build Topical Collection On Interests, Or Profession

Claude E. Erbsen

The big question that stamp collectors ask today is: "Why is topical collecting the fastest growing branch of philately?"

There is no one answer that can satisfy this far-reaching question. A single statement cannot possibly describe the pleasures of "thematic" collecting, because every topical philatelist collects topicals for a different reason.

The little boy likes butterflies on stamps because they are colorful, and portray something that is familiar to him, and a part of his daily environment.

A Wall Street banker will collect banks on stamps, and a tired mailman will rest his feet while working on his collection of postmen on stamps.

Thus, each and every one of us is able to find a field of topical philately that is akin to his or her business or special interests.

This is but one of the reasons for "topic-o-mania". Another reason is the low cost of forming a presentable topical collection. Whether complete or not, a nicely mounted topical collection is always attractive.

A friend who drops in for the evening will be left completely cold by your pet collection of perforation varieties of the 1922 series of Azerbaijan, but will be fascinated by the "little woman's" collection of flowers on stamps. To him flowers are sensible, collectable items. But perforations, why they are something for the couch-dog!

The chances are that before the

"little woman" is through showing him the stamps, your friend will have said: "I never would have thought that there are so many flower stamps."

Variety of Subjects

Because every conceivable subject has appeared on a postage stamp at one time or another, topical philately is the branch of stamp collecting that is most likely to attract advocates of other hobbies, enabling them to widen their fields of interest considerably.

Thus, the "ferroequinologist" will find pleasure collecting railroad stamps, while bird watchers will find new species while thumbing

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Members American Topical Association Scan World's Stamps For Wanted Subjects

Jerome Husack

Topical collecting has been growing at a phenomenal rate in the last few years, so fast indeed that it has amazed even its most staunch adherents. Non-collectors, beginning collectors, specialists, men and women from every walk of life, are attracted to topicals in a manner unequalled in the annals of philately. This rapid growth in itself, brings in new ideas, suggests new subjects, offers new methods, and thus creates greater opportunities and more enjoyment every day for those who follow this method of collecting. Basically topical collecting stresses the design of the stamps, rather than the country of issue or the postal service the stamp renders. Cancellations, watermarks, perforations, varieties all have their place in topical collecting, but only if they are essential to the story of the topic presented, and only if the topical collector himself desires to include them in his collection.

To almost everyone, topical collecting has one outstanding advantage, the ability to select a subject that has strong appeal to the selector. A former athlete might have little interest in stamps as such, but when exposed to stamps picturing sports, may very well become an ardent collector. The stamps may bring back old memories, or serve to interest others in the sports they picture.

The nature enthusiast, the traveler, the devotee of fine arts, all find topical subjects to aid their main hobby. Historians, doctors, lawyers, clergymen, teachers, writers, engineers, these and others often become interested in stamps relating to their professions or work.

It is readily seen that selecting a topic is limited only by imagination. Topical collecting has no set rules, no lengthy lists of "do's and don't's". Undoubtedly this appeals to many people who never gave stamp collecting so much as a glance until they were exposed to topicals.

The collector specializing in one country or in a small group of countries, eventually finds his interest lagging as he approaches completion. Either because of the addition of a single stamp requires a week's pay, or because he has to await infrequent new issues to add a stamp. To keep their collecting interests alive, they often add a sideline collection on some topical subject, and frequently find this collection becoming their main interest.

The educational value of stamps has been recognized since the first stamp collection was formed. Unfortunately the average stamp collection appeals to few people. No slight is intended to highly specialized collections, these require much time and study to prepare, but by their very nature they can interest only those who have the philatelic knowledge to understand and appreciate both the effort and the stamps.

The better topical collections often require the same amount of

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Beware Of Hero Worship

We realize that in speaking of the matter we are going to talk about now, that some few dealers may feel that we are knocking their line of merchandise. We have no intention of doing this however but we do want to caution prospective buyers against paying silly prices for stamps that will never again sell for such prices if you set up those prices now.

We are referring to stamps from the Farouk collection. It should be remembered that when the Franklin D. Roosevelt collection was put on the market, it brought about three times as much as it would have sold for if it had been your collection or my collection. It brought premium prices because it was Rooseveltiana. Much of it for which high prices were paid was solely because it was Rooseveltiana; it will never again sell for as much as it was sold for in the first place because the connection may not be so apparent or it can not be shown to be Rooseveltiana.

Now we find some large purchasers of the Farouk stamps are offering this material as being "From The Farouk Collection". Do not let that phrase influence you. Certainly, the stamps are fine stamps, there may be a number you would like to have and that you want, but brother, avoid silly prices for the stamps just because they came from the Farouk collection. If you pay a premium for that gag line now, you never will get your money out of the stamps again.

Farouk is not FDR, do not pay fancy premium prices for the Farouk name or you will be sorry. Buy liberally of what you want and need at the same kind of prices you would pay for the stamps from any other source, but refuse to pay for the Farouk name. British dealers are also doing a lot of gambling with this Farouk material and so long as the collector will refuse to get enthused over the Farouk name he will not make any serious mistakes about buying what he wants from the stamps.

Lake County Philatelic Society

Most stamp societies are within the limits of some one city or town. The Lake County Philatelic Society is actually a society within the county and is very well scattered over the central part of that county. We are referring to the new Lake County Philatelic Society here in Lake County, Florida. The society, now about three months old has 22 members. These members are scattered over the central part of Lake County and are residents of the small towns of Leesburg, Eustis, Howey-in-the-Hills, Mount Dora, Lady Lake, Tavares and Fruitland Park. The greatest distance between any two members or towns as named above is about 17 or 18 miles, less than 25 or 30 minutes driving time, the average however being about 15 minutes between points, so it should be apparent that a club is practical under these conditions as the average member can attend with less difficulty and trouble than one has who is in a large city such as Cleveland, Chicago, Miami, etc.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at suitable meeting places in the different localities. Thus far meets have been held in Leesburg, Howey-in-the-Hills, Eustis and Tavares. The meeting of May 11 was held in Howey-in-the-Hills, in the parlors of the Community Church. Rev. Russell Carr of this Church is a member of the club and thus the Church parlors are available when it is desired to hold meetings in Howey.

This arrangement seems to work out very well and might be found practical in many localities where there are not enough collectors in one town to get up a club. Try organizing several small towns that are close together.

Several members of the society are already planning to attend the Florida Federation Jamboree to be held in Sebring on June 12 and 13. The Society has also planned to become a part of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs which now makes fourteen clubs in the Federation.

Stamps Come To Life

This is readily apparent if you will get a copy of LIFE MAGAZINE for May 3 and see the article on the British Guiana rarity and other stamps of fame that are featured in this issue.

This article is one that will attract a very great amount of interest in our hobby. Personally we do not believe in constantly harping about some of the rare stamps of the world. We feel that this can be overdone, that in some ways it discourages people from an interest in stamps. "Why pay hundreds of dollars for a little scrap of paper, are those people nuts?" That's what they will say.

Most books about stamps by some who have been touted as leading authors are filled with chapter after chapter about rare stamps and such truck and tell little or nothing about stamp collecting and what interest it may hold for its followers.

Certainly, we appreciate the fact that LIFE has given of its space to tell of our hobby, but we do feel that the space will not be of as much value to our hobby as it could have been if it would have told of the world wide interest that can be found in a stamp collection and had confined itself to an explanation of the joys and pleasures that can come from the hobby, rather than feature a lot of crummy looking and worn out pieces of paper that have brought fabulous prices.

Perhaps another time may come when the real good that can come from stamp collecting is explained to the readers of LIFE. Let us hope this will be the case, but to make sure that it will happen we must express our appreciation to LIFE for giving so liberally of its space in this May 3 issue. It is indeed a remarkable tribute to our hobby and can not fail to create nation wide interest. You can help boost by telling LIFE what you think of their story. A letter will have a big bearing on whether this is the first or last of such big magazine attention to stamp collecting.

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ATA Also Has Branch Chapters

Allyn H. Wright

The American Topical Association, in its desire to be of as much service to collectors everywhere as possible, is now in the middle of a campaign to form more branch chapters. Membership in a Branch Chapter not only gives a collector the advantages of meeting with others of similar interests for the friendly exchange of material and ideas, but through frequent speakers, films, slides and exhibits a collector can learn much to personally help him with his collection.

On May 4, a new Branch Chapter was formed in Phoenix, Ariz. Information on this new group is available from Chairman Hugh W. Hilton, 1425 N. 43rd Place, Phoenix, Ariz.

An Ontario Chapter was formed at Kitchener, Canada on the afternoon of April 24 during the convention-exhibition of The Canadian Philatelic Society. Chairman Edgar W. Spurgeon, 122 Ellerslie Ave., Wiltondale, Ont., Canada can give advice on this chapter.

Another recently-formed Branch Chapter is that in Washington, D. C., Edwin H. Hunter is the president; interested collectors can contact him at 412 Cleve Dr., Falls Church, Va.

Denver, Colo. will soon have a group. Such plans are now being formulated, with temporary chairman Mark S. Vanier, 1361 Elizabeth St., in charge.

Plans are also underway for the formation of a unit in Cleveland, Ohio. Collectors interested here can contact Peter Jocius, Station H, Box 2106, Cleveland 8, Ohio.

Chapter interest is also growing in Los Angeles; Houston, Texas; Springfield and Boston, Mass.; and Hartford, Conn.

Following are the active Branch Chapters of the Association, and their representatives who can give information about them:

The Thematic Stamp Club, South Africa; K. Cameron, secretary, 9 Pineway, Pinelands, C. P., South Africa.

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No. 7—Nebraska 3c, Nebraska City, Nebr., May 7.

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Dec. 10—Human Rights Day, 3c, 8c, United Nations, N. Y.

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Angel On Snow Shoes

The Woodruff Lions Club of Woodruff, Wisconsin is celebrating "Dr. Kate Day". Bicolor stamps picturing Dr. Kate helping a sick youngster are being sold to help build the Lakeland Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Kate was featured recently on the TV program "This Is Your Life". May 29th, 1954 has been selected as the day for a special cancellation at the Woodruff, Wisconsin post office honoring Dr. Kate.

Dr. Kate has devoted many years to the welfare of the sick. The town is called "home of the Million Penny Parade."

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Barbados	.22	Nauru	.29
Basutoland	.19	Newfoundland	.29
Bechuanaland	.19	Long Set (11)	2.70
Bermuda	.15	New Guinea	.28
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Cayman	.14	Nyasaland	.28
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A warning appearing in the May 1954 edition of "The Bureau Specialist" should be remembered by those who go in for some of the out-of-the-ordinary U. S. material. Oliver J. Williams, chairman of the committee on Booklets and Booklet Panes, writes, "It has been brought to our attention that unscrupulous dealers are taking imperfect sheets of 1c and 2c stamps and making AEF panes of 30 therefrom after carefully matching shades and perforations made privately."

"WARNING! These have proper tabs and staple holes therein so beware of imitation panes from unscrupulous dealers. Insist on a certificate of genuineness if purchasing or bidding in auctions, or buying over the counter."

Identification and valuations are: Scott U. S. Specialized, 1c No. 498f, \$45.00; 2c No. 499f, \$350.00 - American Catalog, 1c No. 380, \$50.00; 2c No. 381, \$375.00.

The Scott Specialized has this note about the AEF Booklet in the forefront of its catalog under "Information For Collectors": "Booklets, A. E. F. Prepared principally for the use of the U. S. Army in France, during World War I. Issued in one and two cent denominations with 30 stamps to a pane, 10 horizontal by 3 vertical, bound at right or left. As soon as General John J. Pershing's organization reached France, soldiers' mail was sent free by the use of franked envelopes. Stamps were required during the war for the civilian personnel, also for registry mail, parcel post and other divisions of the postal service."

Whether you ever have reason or not to apply this knowledge in connection with your personal collection, it is something to know. For it might smarten you up to monkey-business possible in the field in which you are interested. The Bureau Specialist is the official publication of the Bureau Issues Assn. the members of which are intensely interested in all stamps printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington.

1. Present printing of booklet panes (before they are cut apart) is made in sheets of how many stamps?
2. In what year did the first booklet stamps appear?

A lot of the reading matter in this edition has been supplied by the American Topical Association. If after digesting it you feel the temptation to form some kind of a topical collection, give in to it—you'll never have so much fun. It is desirable that citizens of this nation collect United States stamps and learn about the events and persons commemorated. However, there are too many U. S. stamp fans who just won't venture into foreign, for a variety of reasons, and they become the losers. If a collector goes for U. S. in all its phases he will have sufficient to keep him occupied for life. But the "U. S. Specialists" who have nothing later than the last ten or fifteen years in their albums, but do have several hundred dollars worth of commemorative mint sheets or plate blocks, should wise up and reform their ways.

Forget about becoming rich through stamps—take the hobby for what it was originally intended—a source of pleasure and education. That's where topical collecting shines. As to the ATA Convention at Dayton, Linn's Weekly Stamp News will be there on the bourse. Be sure to look us up. Wouldn't it be simpler to call this branch of philately "TOPI-COLLECTING"?

Some time ago I mentioned that it was possible to send a double reply card to a foreign country and have the REPLY half returned with no other postage than the imprinted U. S. stamp and bearing the cancellation of whichever foreign post office in which it was mailed.

Before we go another word on this matter, let me tell you that very few of the postal employees know of this arrangement, and I mean in the large mail mills too, where some volume of foreign

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- 10:00 A.M. ATA Meeting
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- 12:00 Noon Opening of Exhibition
- 2:00 P.M. Dayton Tour showing industry Entertainment
- 5:00 P.M. Unit Group Meeting
- 8:00 P.M. ATA officers and members reception
- 9:00 P.M. Exhibition Closes

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- 12:00 Noon Opening of Exhibition
- 2:00 P.M. Seeing Dayton Points of interest
- 4:30 P.M. Roosevelt Stamp Slides
- 5:00 P.M. Music on Stamps New Show
- 5:30 P.M. Judging of exhibition
- 7:00 P.M. Convention Banquet, Mrs. Alma Craemer, Toastmaster
- 9:00 P.M. Exhibition Closes

Sunday June 20th

- 9:30 A.M. Philatelic Breakfast
- 12:00 Noon Exhibition opens
- 1:30 P.M. Unit and chapter meeting
- 2:30 P.M. Philatelic entertainment
- 3:30 P.M. Special entertainment feature
- 6:00 P.M. Exhibition closes

mail is handled. So you will have to cite them the regulations which cover this stunt right out of the "United States Official Postal Guide".

It is in the July 1953, Volume II, International Service, Chapter II, Article 4, Section "j" (page 7) of the above named "Guide" and reads:-

"(j) International Reply Paid Cards - (i) International Reply-Paid postal cards bearing the required endorsements and imprinted postage . . . shall be carried in stock at all post offices where there is a demand for such reply-paid postal cards. The United States domestic reply paid post card should not be used for other countries."

"(ii) Reply-paid post cards which are privately printed for use in the international mails shall have on the front, in the French language, as the heading of the first, or message part the words 'Carte postale avec response payee' (post card with reply paid), and the words 'Carte postale reponse' (reply post card) as the heading on the second or reply part. Each of the two parts must fulfill the other conditions laid down for a single card. Prepayment of the two halves shall be by means of United States postage stamps (4 cents) affixed to each half."

"(iii) The two parts of a reply-paid card must be folded one part over the other, so that the fold forms the upper edge, and they may not be sealed in any manner. It is permissible for the sender to indicate his name and address on the address side of the reply half, either in writing, printing, or by affixing a label thereto. The address on the reply half shall be folded on the inside of the article. The sender may have printed on the back of the reply half a questionnaire by the addressee; the latter may return the inquiry half attached to the reply portion, in which case, the address on the inquiry half shall be crossed out and folded on the inside of the card."

"(iv) The prepayment of the reply half by means of postage stamps of the country which has issued the cards is valid only if the two parts of the card with reply paid have arrived joined together from the country of origin and if the reply half is sent from the country where it arrived by mail and is addressed to the said country of origin. If these conditions are not fulfilled, it is treated as an unrepaid post card."

All of this boils down to several things, viz:
You can't use the domestic type of reply-paid postal cards. You must use those only which have been prepared for the foreign destinations, and which have the in-

scriptions in French as indicated in (ii) above.

Those post offices which have the items will have an imprinted stamp only worth 3c. So you must add an additional 1c stamp to each half because now the rate is 4c.

Other than that you can handle the matter just as you would in using the domestic double postal card.

I don't know which post offices carry these cards—but most of the larger ones should.

It is also possible for your correspondents in other countries to send you foreign reply-paid cards which you can return as under the conditions outlined above for the U. S. variety.

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In spring a young man's fancy turns to the thoughts of love, but the ATAers thoughts turn to TOPEX. As the years cause the youths love to deepen, so it also brings new growth to the ATA. Spring time is vacation planning; the time to plan to attend the annual Convention and Topical Exhibition of the American Topical Association.

Plan now to attend the Dayton Convention. The spirit of fellowship; the meeting of kindred souls will bring much happiness to those who attend. You will greet old friends and make new ones. The greatest pleasure and satisfaction that one receives from his collecting activities are the friendships made through stamp activities.

To the Dayton Philatelic Society, and all of the many committees; I give my sincerest thanks for making TOPEX-54 one of the outstanding philatelic events of the year. They worked hard and spent many long hours in planning. Their work will continue even after TOPEX-54 is over. To them, may we the members of the ATA say "Well done, TOPEX, is getting bigger and better each year."

If you have attended TOPEX 52 or 53 come and meet those old topical friends of yours; to those who have not yet experienced this pleasure we invite you to come to Dayton and meet your officers and

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In agriculture, cotton is more than half the crop. Others are corn, hay, and forage, cotton seed, white and sweet potatoes, sugar cane, beans, tomatoes and miscellaneous orchard fruits.

Fishery products are important and include large amounts of oysters and shrimp. Turpentine and rosin from the forests are a steady source of income.

The population of Mississippi includes a large group of Negroes and Chinese, for whom separate education is provided.

The land was originally settled by the French about 1716, and was part of the colony of Louisiana. France ceded the territory to England which in turn lost it to Spain. After the American Revolution, Spain disputed our claim until 1796. In 1798, it became a U. S. territory, and in 1817 it became a state of the Union.

The state seceded in 1861 and took a prominent part in the Civil War on the Confederate side. In educational tests adopted 1890, restricted suffrage was given to those able to read the Constitution or to interpret a section when read, thereby excluding a large number of Negroes from voting.

This state has always suffered severely from the serious floods of the Mississippi River, especially in more recent years.

Note that the Territorial Seal on the stamp spells it Mississippi; the State Seal, however, spells it Mississippi.

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Bonus Publication For Collectors Of Brazil

With the current issue of "The Bull's Eye" members of the Friends of Brazilian Philately were given a bonus. The publication, official organ of the group, was supplemented with a copy of "Brazil" a well illustrated brochure about the nation and its products and industry compiled by the Pan American Union.

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Many collections are beginning to take on the "new look." Collectors often realize they cannot complete countries in which they specialize. They're stopped by the expensive items or can't get their want lists filled. As a result they look about for new stamps to collect or different subject matter. Some collectors even try to form a collection which will be different from the regular run of collections.

Topicals have served the need of those who wish to form a collection that's personalized, different, and topical collecting is becoming more popular every day as a result.

Subject matter is practically unlimited in topical (thematic) collecting. Here are a few suggestions for topical collections that will help make your collection interesting to yourself and to others:

HANDS — This topical collection has not been invaded yet. Mexico has numerous single stamps and sets which fit the bill perfectly here, and the stamps are not expensive, either. Scott Catalog types A138, A139, A166, A169, AP40, AP67, AP69 show hands in characteristic poses. Poland SP5 shows hands being warmed before a fire.

FIRE — Here's a topical subject that has numerous possibilities, too. Many stamps of this type are printed in red or in red orange and show up nicely when mounted on a black quadrilled album page. Romania type SP23 illustrates a campfire at a boy scout camp. Italy, type A65, shows the flame of patriotism tempering a sword of justice. It's printed in maroon.

On Italy No. 255, you see a shepherd piping by a fireside. This stamp is printed in red brown. The sacrificial altar on Italy No. 385 is printed in plum. Type SP15, also Italy, shows militiamen at a ceremonial fire. Each design is attractive.

RADIO "MIKES" — This topical subject can be completed easily. Mexico type AP66 and the Philippine Islands type A90 Roxas mourning stamps are good examples. If you want to form this kind of collection, you'll find other good examples of radio stamps from which to choose. You may want to add Union of South Africa types A68 and A69 which show a signal corpsman.

SUNLIGHT — Not too many of these stamps exist. The Great Britain and Union of South Africa silver jubilee issues are good examples of sunlight coming from behind. Canada type A111 shows rays of the sun coming through trees at a lumbering camp. Turkey types A80 and A81 are other examples like the Great Britain and South Africa items.

AT THE BEACH — The United States 3c Annapolis commemorative portrays a crab. Cayman Islands stamps show shells, turtles and a dolphin.

ELEPHANTS — Elephant stamps are found on numerous stamps of Asia, Africa and the British colonies. You'll have a field day trying to get them all.

COINS — Brazil, Greece, Cyprus, Argentina, Israel are among a number of countries with stamps which reproduce coin designs or subjects of a numismatic nature.

BLEED-OFFS — These are stamps without a border or frame. Many are to be found in the issues of Egypt and Hungary. These stamps look nice on a black album page.

TIME — Brazil type A176 shows a page from a calendar. Turkey has issued some census-taking commemoratives. Fiume and Czechoslovakia show clocks.

The check lists and suggestions given here are not complete and are not intended to be. However, they show the almost-unlimited possibilities of subject matter that can be collected. You'll find many, many ideas by merely thumbing through the stamp catalog.

The wonderful feature of topical collecting is that so few stamps exist of certain subjects, and as few as one or two stamps can make a 100 percent complete collection. Here's an excellent example: only two stamps have ever been issued

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picturing flowers. The philatelic flower gardener can show representatives of 52 different flower families, he can even devote a page or several pages to the cultivation of the more important families. The lily family is represented by 20 stamps, the buttercup by 22, the rose by 23, and the composites by 35. Those who prefer the truly rare and exotic will find 26 picturing members of the orchid family.

These comprise all stamps picturing flowers, whether the flower be the major part of the design or a minor part such as a border decoration. The statistics do not include heraldic designs, since the committee felt that this is properly a topical subject in itself.

If the philatelic floral expert prefers to concentrate on those stamps picturing the flower as the principal part of the design, the garden will consist of 193 stamps. Upon completing this part of the garden, the collector may add the stamps picturing flowers in a minor manner. This will "plant" an additional 76 stamps in the garden and serve to fill it out.

The arrangement of the philatelic garden can be varied as that of the real one. The collector can plan his by the origin of the flower (the country of issue), by the color of the stamp, or, if he leans toward amateur botany, he can separate them by family, using the correct Latin binomials as well as acceptable common names for most of the varieties.

Regardless of arrangement, the philatelic flower garden will draw compliments wherever it is shown. Four to six pages of philatelic flowers exhibited in the spring at the public library along with seed catalogs and garden books, at a garden show, in a florist's window, indeed anywhere, will arouse a flood of comment and inquiry and win converts for the hobby of stamp collecting.

The checklist of flowers on stamps currently appearing in "TOPICAL TIME," the official publication of the ATA, provides a useful starting point for those who desire to become philatelic flower gardeners. It cannot do more than that and the collector will find half of the fun lies in locating "unknown" species, and searching for additional knowledge to describe his garden.

You may even start by making a list yourself, just work through your Scott catalogs. True, the write-up information in the catalog is scanty, we can't expect the busy catalog publishers to provide family names and Latin binomials which are part of a good checklist, but you will be able to make a list to permit you to collect the stamps.

Plant your philatelic flower garden anytime, spring, summer, fall or winter, all seasons are equally good, an advantage of this type of gardening over the more conventional methods. Enjoy its beauty the year 'round, the blossoms do not fade or wither with lack of water or sudden frost. The specimens are not overly expensive, even a bare hundred stamps will provide an attractive starting garden, a garden that will win the wide-eyed acclaim of your philatelic and non-philatelic friends.

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CEYLON - On May 15, advise the Crown Agents, a new definitive set will be issued. Values will be 2c, 3c, 6c, 40c, 85c and 2 Rupees. The 40c and 85c values are new denominations. Corresponding values of the existing set are to be withdrawn from sale on May 14.

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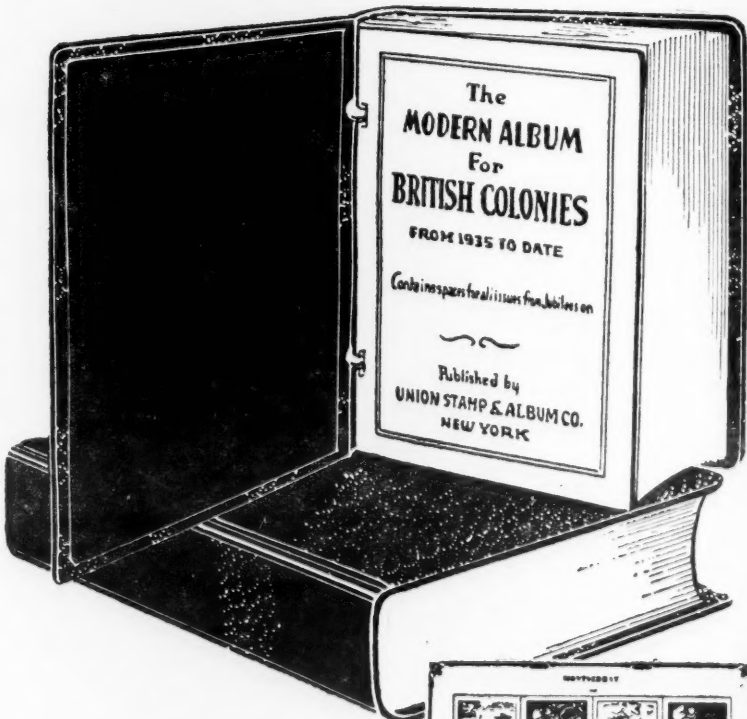
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Topical Collecting — Philately With Imagination

Lewis F. Gordon

Painfully we "unscrabbled" the Latin words which informed us that "Gaul is divided into three parts." Much more enjoyable do we discover that stamp collectors are also divided into at least three parts—"horizontalists"—"perpendicularists" and "topicalists".

The "horizontalists" sweep smoothly across the clearly defined highways of the world or any given segment thereof, collecting, mint or used or both, the major varieties, completely catalogued. The "perpendicularists", not content with the surface, dig down for the minors as well as the majors — perfs, shades, errors and what have you, Seldom, if ever, do they collect "the world". That's too much acreage in which to dig for the minutiae of the specialist.

Comes now the "topicalists"—collecting, which combines the opportunity to be both "horizontal and perpendicular", and even "third dimensional." You sweep across the world as you dig for the specialties which illustrate your topic. Well might it be called "Philately with Imagination". — For this reason it is destined to become one of the great divisions of stamp collecting, as more and more collectors discover the great adventures to be found in topical collecting. More than 1,800 present members of the American Topical Association in 35 countries of the world—just a four-year development—amply attest this fact.

Why call it "Philately with Imagination"? Because that is where it begins. You start by conjuring up the "topic". In what other phase of collecting can you tie in your stamps with your avocation, hobby, spiritual interest, the arts, sciences, clothes, flowers, birds, ships, sports, Red Cross, Boy Scout, maps, architecture. There is the challenge to your imagination.

With your topic chosen—the hunt begins. If you want guidance, members of the American Topical Association have already assembled comprehensive check lists on many diverse topics. If, like the writer, you are research minded—and have the time—you can live in a world of stamps for months without spending a penny. How? Build your own catalog—of your subject. To do that, you look every stamp in the world in the face, through the medium of your official catalogs. In each stamp you hunt for your topic. You read the fine print, too seldom read, it will tell you many interesting facts. If, for example, you are interested in postal anniversaries, you will find how and when a country marked the beginning of its postal system and its various anniversaries through the years. If it be religion on stamps, you will learn of saints, of churches, cathedrals, religious celebrations, surtax to repair some famous cathedral or abbey. As you research for your topic, reading the catalog and its legends you will learn about the world's interest, philately, in the arts, sciences, history, music and so on, almost ad infinitum.

How about the economics of topical collecting? There is one of its greatest appeals. In collecting a country, you must have all the stamps, if it is to be complete. When a new set is issued you must acquire the entire set. Not so, in topical collecting. A whole set may have one common design, in different colors and values. If you wish you can select the lowest value of the set to illustrate your topic. That's the dollars and "sense" of topical collecting for the collector with limited stamp budget.

Next—in topical collecting you don't just mount stamps. There must be reading matter—a legend to tell the subject matter of the stamp from a topical point of view. Show a non-collector your specialized collection, and he nods sagely but without comment over your rarest variety. Show him your topical collection and you will find him curled up in a big chair, looking and reading and exclaiming "Gosh—this is interesting!"

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Philately With Imagination. Sold yet on topical collecting? If so—join the American Topical Association—dues \$2.00 per year. Read Jerry Husak's ably edited "Topical Time". One issue of this adventure into "Philately with Imagination", official publication of the American Topical Association, will stimulate your own imagination, and you will be off on this most fascinating phase of stamp collecting where, if you wish, you are your own catalogist, umpire, legend editor, and ultimately the possessor of a collection which you can display with assurance that no one can say "I have one just like it—only better." In topical collecting, there "ain't no such animal." That's one reason why topical collecting is "tops".

The American Topical Association, organized September 12, 1949, is now world wide, with more than 1,800 members. The binding tie is its publication, "TOPICAL TIME". The membership list, furnished all members, lists their specialties and identifies members with common interests. Within the Association are special units or divisions, collectors interested in particular topics. In many cities there now exist topical chapters. A 45 member Information Board answers questions for members with no cost other than a stamped envelope for reply. ATA stages an annual Convention-Exhibition. Exhibits are confined entirely to topical material, with a series of awards in each category.

What does it cost to join these adventures in "Philately with Imagination"? Two dollars per year, which includes your subscription to Topical Time. There is no initiation fee. Two references are required. Write to Jerome Husak, Executive Secretary, 3306 North 50th Street, Milwaukee 16, Wisconsin, U.S.A. Do it today. It will open up new vistas, give you new interests and keen enjoyment in the field of the world's newest division of philately.

Offer Various Topical Checklists

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The Biology Unit offers a sample copy of its bulletin for 10c. Issued ten times a year, the bulletin provides information for collectors of stamps picturing flowers, plants, trees, and all forms of animal life. John Groet, 713 Studebaker St., Mishawaka, Ind. will provide information on the activities of the unit.

The Wisconsin Chapter of the ATA has prepared a check-list of ships pictured on the stamps of the United States. A stamped-self-addressed envelope will bring a copy from August J. Pinske, 1215 S. 47th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

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May 29-31—Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, Hotel Winthrop, Tacoma, Wash. Tacoma Stamp Club, hosts.
June 4-6—Texas Philatelic Assn. Civic Auditorium, Brownsville, Texas. Magic Valley Stamp Club, hosts.
June 7—Flatbush Philatelic Club, Flatbush Unitarian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.
June 12-13—Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, Harder Hall Hotel, Sebring, Fla. Sebring Stamp Club, hosts.
June 18—Medway Philatelic Association, West Medway Public Library, West Medway, Mass.
June 18-20—American Topical Assn., Miami Hotel, Dayton, Ohio. Dayton Philatelic Society, hosts.
June 18-20—U. S. Cancellation Club Exhibition and Convention, Municipal Auditorium, Long Beach, Cal. Long Beach Stamp Club, hosts.
August 26-29—CHISPA, Society of Philatelic Americans Convention, Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill. Chicago Philatelic Society, hosts.

Topicals Of Lundy And Herm

Mrs. H. Wadsworth

Two small islands are becoming increasingly popular for stamp collectors, probably because of the Coronation issue. They are Lundy Island in the Bristol Channel off the coast of Devon in England, and Herm Island, one of the Channel Islands. Both have local stamps printed to defray costs of transporting mail to and from the mainland (in the case of Lundy), and Guernsey (in the case of Herm). These stamps should be of special interest to topical collectors.

Lundy issued, on January of this year, three sets of stamps; the airmails will certainly appeal to anyone interested in Aviation history. The stamps depict Mrs. Graham's Balloon; Blieriot with Anzani the Constructor; Plane over Old Light, Lundy; De Havilland Comet Jet Plane; "Bristol" 73 Helicopter; and "Bristol" Brabazon.

There are two airmail sets, one to commemorate the 25th anniversary and the other definitive.

The surface postage issue portrays Marisco Tavern, Church and Post Office; Marisco Castle; Map of Lundy Island; M. V. Lerina; Soay Sheep and Old Light; Constable Rock; and Deer and Devil's Slide. These stamps are all in "puffin" values, a local coinage.

Earlier stamps of the Island would be of interest to collectors of "Birds" as they feature the Puffin, Guillemot, Kittiwake, Razorbill, Fulmar Petrel, Oyster Catcher and Great Black Backed Gull.

Several obsolete commemoratives are of topical interest — "Red Cross" surcharge, "Kitty Hawk" overprint, "V for Victory" overprint — but these are very difficult to obtain.

Lundy this year is commemorating its twenty-fifth year for local postage issues but Herm Island has a short history in comparison for its local stamps were first issued in 1949.

The first issues of Herm were "map" stamps with a brief period of "pigeon post". Herm also has a new issue released on January 7, 1954. The two low values are four and eight doubles, local coinage that is now discontinued. Then comes 2 penny and 4 penny and these four stamps depict the Herm Island Crest.

This will be of interest to collectors who specialize in Religion as it is associated with the various monastic orders that have had connections with Herm. The Crest also symbolizes Herm's close association with the sea. The one shilling stamp, which completes the issue, is pictorial.

Topical Time Has Several Check Lists

The current issue of "Topical Time" provides the subject matter collector with 52 pages of valuable information. Included is a checklist of "Famous Paintings on Stamps" by William Howell and Clare McAlister. Five pages are devoted to the "Life and Teachings of Christ" on stamps, the sixth in a now famous series of articles on Religion on Stamps.

Additional checklists are provided for Philately, Americana, Automotives, Maps, Waterfalls, Red Cross, Reptiles and Flowers on Stamps. A new feature is an illustrated page for junior topicalists, plus articles on collecting countries topically, topical collecting in school activities, judging topical exhibits, and a detailed bibliography of articles that have appeared in the philatelic press on sports and U.N. stamps.

Collectors can secure a leaflet on topical collecting by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to E. L. Cleveland, 5104 W. Wisconsin Ave., Apt. 3, Milwaukee 13, Wis.

Northwest Federation Tacoma Convention

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Bentham's Canadian Column

"It's A Big Mistake To Neglect Former Provinces"

Lorne W. Bentham

Most specialized Canadian collections are usually termed by their owners as complete Canadian collections, containing every issue that has been released. Actually this statement may be quite misleading. It might be only half the truth.

Many specialists will probably take exception to this comment, but I maintain it's the truth.

I ask you to attend any philatelic meeting or exhibition and you will more than likely come across individuals who claim that they have complete collections of Canada. And they will argue with you that their collections are complete in every respect.

In all probability everyone who has come in contact with such collectors have neglected to collect any of the former stamp issuing provinces and include them in the collection.

Without them, in my opinion, any Canadian collection is incomplete.

It's usually taken for granted that when a collector specializes in a country, he is going to study its postal history by collecting some of its early stamps, too. Apparently this is not being done for Canada.

If it were being done, I am quite sure the album publishers would have made provision for the provinces before now. In fact, the provinces are neglected in the albums published by specialist firms.

There are many specialists floating around the philatelic scene nowadays who call themselves "Specialists in Canadian Stamps."

And in the true sense of the word, they are not. They are just collecting modern Canadian Stamps.

In other words, it would be much better to say that they are specializing in modern Canada.

To neglect the collecting of the stamps issued by the former provinces such as Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia, the philatelist is excluding many of the more interesting items of Canada's postal history. Also the newly acquired province of Newfoundland should be included.

I really believe that the reason so many speculators are coming on the scene and investing considerable sums of money in Canadian commemoratives is the fact that they think they will make a considerable amount of money.

I also think that there are many philatelists specializing in Canadian stamps, too, who are spending much of their money as well as their time in accumulating sheet after sheet of each new commemorative issue.

It's quite true that Canadian stamps in mint condition are good investment items. But it's equally true that if every philatelist decides to stock up on commemoratives in sheets and neglect to really complete his Canadian collection, the whole market will fall through.

Show me a genuine philatelist specializing in Canadian stamps and I'll show you a happy collector.

Canadian stamps will always rise in value, but, I believe the collectors should concentrate more on making a thorough collection instead of trying to corner the market of a certain issue.

Here, again, the Canadian Philatelic Society should promote collecting Canadian stamps.

The executive of the CPS should have an award annually to the Canadian specialist who has, in the opinion of the CPS, a complete Canadian collection, including the former provinces as well as imparting some of his research on these issues.

I wager that there isn't a philatelist in existence today who can boast of such a collection.

Then, if that's the case, the CPS has a good reason to launch such an annual award. Who knows, it may create more of a genuine interest in Canadian stamps?

Since Newfoundland joined Canada as its tenth province on March

31, 1949 I have yet to see a dealer say in his ad: "Collect Newfoundland. It's stamps should be included in a Canadian collection".

There seems to be the impression that it's still just a British Colony issuing its own stamps.

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New Postage Dues Issued By Vatican

An entirely new set of postage dues consisting of six values were issued by the Vatican postal administration on April 30. According to William Wonneberger Jr., president of the Vatican Philatelic Society, they are 4 Lire rose; 6L green; 10L yellow; 20L ultramarine; 50L gray brown; 70L violet.

On each of the above the color is that of the background. The Papal Coat of Arms occupies the central part of the design, and it plus the valuation and national designation are in black.

OPPORTUNITIES (Continued from page 1)

through their collection of birds on stamps.

In topical philately the stress is on the design of a stamp, rather than on perforations and watermarks, thus placing the beginner and the experienced collector on the same plane.

The inveterate collector, who feels that he must bury himself in research, can channel his efforts towards the identification of the subjects appearing on the stamps of his favorite topic.

The beginner, who may not be interested in research, can content himself with getting his stamps, and arranging them to fit his taste and purse.

How to start

By now you'll probably be asking yourself: "How do I start?"

The first step, naturally, is to choose a topic. Then it is advisable to examine your regular collection, in search of items that may fall within your selected theme.

The next step is to consult Scott's, and prepare a checklist. A number of checklists are also available from the A.T.A. in Milwaukee, at a moderate cost.

A quick perusal of the advertisements in this publication will reveal the names of a large number of dealers who cater to topical collections, and who can supply you with the stamps of your topic. A brief note explaining your interest will bring a quick reply, and will lead you into the wonderful world of topical philately.

MEMBERS (Continued from page 1)

research and study but even the simple topical collection has popular appeal through the beauty of the stamps and the related story they tell. History, art, religion, transportation, biology, music, sciences, everything is depicted on today's stamps. Teachers, editors, clergymen, radio and TV program directors, all have been quick to recognize the educational value of stamps and particularly topical collections of stamps. Business firms have used topical stamps in advertising, and a few have used displays to call attention to their manufactured products in trade shows and fairs.

With this brief discussion of topical collecting, its place and its future, we come to the American Topical Association and what it does to aid the beginner as well as the advanced topical collector.

Organized in September 1949 by a handful of optimistic collectors, its growth has kept pace with that of topical collecting. Today more than 1800 collectors from all over the world, and from every walk of life, are ACTIVE members of this non-profit, educational society. Conservative estimates indicate that the ATA will eventually become one of the largest of philate-

lic societies, just as today it is the largest society devoted to a specific phase of philately.

The ATA issues TOPICAL TIME, the world's foremost publication on topicals, which is sent to all members bi-monthly. Printed on coated paper, with a two-color cover, and lavishly illustrated, it averages more than 36 pages per issue. 36 pages of articles, topical checklists, news and views on a wide variety of topical subjects, and notes of interest to members. A recent issue had information on over twenty different topical subjects.

Articles give the story behind the stamp, they're written in a down-to-earth manner to appeal to all, not to a mere handful of specialists. They provide information to the collector for write-up material, they suggest new topics to collect, they educate and entertain. Simple, step-by-step articles by recognized experts, by exhibit winners, tell you how to arrange, write-up and mount your topical collection. A topical new issue section, the only one of its kind, lists issues in alphabetical topical order and provides the collector with brief write-up information.

The current yearbook has 52 pages. Officers, committees, special members, regular members, all are listed, along with their collecting specialties and their addresses. Members collect more than 100 different subjects, and the newcomer finds little difficulty in locating kindred spirits in this list. Writing to these members provides opportunity after opportunity to exchange ideas and stamps. A 45 member information board is listed to answer your questions on more than 70 different topical subjects.

Numerous study and research units, devoted to special topics such as trains, ships, biology, music, royalty, sports, Americana, medical subjects, journalism, Red Cross, stamps on stamps, UN, etc. offer opportunities for association with people with the same interests as the new member. New units are constantly being formed, and the increase in membership will undoubtedly add many more. Many of the units publish bulletins, and all conduct research and prepare much of the material appearing in Topical Time.

Chapters of the American Topical Association exist in many cities, new ones are constantly being formed. Chapters usually have monthly meetings, and programs for their members, some stage exhibits and issue bulletins.

The ATA sales department offers an easy and inexpensive way to dispose of topical duplicates for cash, and to add hard to get items to the collection. It is the only all

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